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Political and philosophical speculations on the distinguishing characteristicks of the present century; and on the states of legislation, military establishments, finances, and commerce in Europe; *with occasional reflections on the probable effects of* American *independency. By Mr.* Linguet, *late of the Parliament of* Paris. 3 vol.

THESE speculations are translated from an ingenious treatise entitled, *La Theorie des Loix*, and are divided into five sections. The following prophetick observations respecting the western hemisphere are selected from the conclusion of the first section:

"The fate of the American colonies being now submitted to the decision of arms, it would be to no purpose to investigate the justice of their claim to independency. But I could wish to enquire of politicians in either hemisphere, whether they have seriously reflected on all the effects which such an independency may be expected to produce.

"In the first place, will not the success of the Americans be an endless source of divisions amongst themselves? From what we know of the human mind, ambition and a love of power will soon begin to actuate the operations of the Congress and provincial Assemblies. In all aristocratick governments there is more of the parade, but perhaps less of the reality of patriotism than under an absolute Monarch. The example of seven little provinces near the Zuiderzee, which have preserved unity after success, and freedom notwithstanding their wealth, is by no means applicable to the vast and almost boundless extent of the American colonies. Holland deriving not only the luxuries but even the necessaries of life from other countries, would seem to be restrained from corruption by the frugal hand of nature herself; but this is not the case with America: Nor have the Americans the same motives to a revolt that formerly influenced the Dutch, who were groaning under the most oppressive tyranny. Nor will they like the Dutch, be able to maintain one common interest and an unity of plans and operations; but will find a thousand objects for rivalship arising the moment their independency becomes acknowledged, and their commerce free and uninterrupted. In short, without having had occasion for, or perhaps without producing a Brutus, they will soon meet with a Cæsar, and will then feelingly regret under the weight of a national despotism, the yoke of a distant government which had strength sufficient to protect, though it was too weak to oppress them.

"In the next place, the first manœuvres of the Americans as independent states, will be to open an asylum to Europeans; and this will be an endless source of emigration from the old to the new world. The crowd of active and restless minds, whom the hopes of a better fortune, and the dawn of liberty in a rising state may attract to the western hemisphere, will not fail to multiply the seeds of disorder there; they will carry with them their vices, their avidity, their aversion to repose as well as to useful labour, and their facility to adopt new projects. In short, they will be found to afford more accomplices to the ambition of a tyrant, than useful promoters of agriculture and commerce.

"But this is not all. It is well known how baneful such transplantations are to the generation which experiences them; and they will be more especially so in America, where cultivation is already extended over the best and most fertile parts of the continent. The new comers will be admitted only to the refuse of the ancient inhabitants, and of course will be obliged to take up their abode on some fruitful soil, or in those swamps which are so fatal to the stranger. And here the emigrants, weakened by a change of nourishment and climate, and oppressed by penury and disease, will soon be rendered odious by their complaints, and suspicious by their murmurings, till at length they will sicken and die, lamenting the errour that drew them to so inhospitable a shore. Their posterity will probably be few in number, so that although Europe will have lost, America will be hardly said to have gained them; and the former being in this manner evacuated, and having constantly those *fiscal* charges to support, with which the preceding reigns will not have failed to load their posterity, the contributions must necessarily be increased in proportion as the number of contributors is diminished; and who knows to what catastrophes this unfortunate remnant may be reduced by an excess of misery and oppression?

"Supposing however these speculations to be ill founded, and that the new world should be able to procure from its own stock a population, which shall not materially affect the rest of the universe, still it must be acknowledged, that America, when well peopled, will no longer have any occasion for the productions or assistance of Europe. Its climate, modified even in its rudest parts by the hand of labour, and rendered profitable in others by an industrious cultivation, will of itself enable it to dispense with the dangerous and fatiguing commerce of our seas. Its inhabitants, surrounded by seas which abound with fish; masters of the richest mines; in the neighbourhood of the West Indies; and performing in two months, with winds that are constantly in their favour, voyages that are always tedious, and very often dangerous to European ships; receiving without trouble, and without danger, on the one hand sugar, indigo, and the most delicious fruits; and on the other, spices, precious stones, and fine linen; and thus drawing to them the riches and luxuries of the two hemispheres, will soon become the masters of our destiny. It will be then from the necessity of things that we shall depend on them, more than ever they depended on us, through the rage, or if you will, the wisdom of our prohibitive laws. It will be no longer by Cairo or the Cape of Good Hope, that we shall procure the treasures of Africa, or the presumed productions of Asia; but from factories established in the seas of America. And next! What return shall we be able to make for these things to the Lords of Brasil, and the proprietors of Peru?

"But their abounding with gold and diamonds will be far from constituting the whole of their superiority over us; they will add to these, all the powers which states, as well as individuals, derive from the vigour of youth, and a consciousness of prosperity. Their splendour being the effect of a rapid revolution; and, not having passed through the slow and almost imperceptible gradations which have marked the rise of other nations, they will find themselves on a sudden in the full possession of maturity, and this, with all the energy of a youthful constitution. Even their intestine divisions will perhaps have the salutary effect of preventing the too speedy progress of corruption amongst them.

"Then, they will soon aim at crushing the languid powers of Europe; they will come to attack and conquer their confused metropolis, deploring in indigent old age the ingratitude of her children; or if they should not deign to avenge the evils she occasioned to their predecessours, she will owe her safety to her weakness. She will not be conquered by them, because she will be no longer an object worthy of subjection. The rude and barbarous state into which she will be fallen, will serve only to disgust the possessors of the most brilliant empire the art of politicks has as yet given birth to.

"The time of such a revolution is uncertain; but it will be inevitable if America should become flourishing and independent. We leave to the politicians of Europe to determine how far reason and justice and humanity will permit them to accelerate or retard its accomplishment. They are to judge too, whether the present generation, in concurring towards it, will avoid more ills than they render certain to posterity; whether it is still in their power to prevent it, and whether our Ministers, absorbed in their little speculations of the day, have not been too inattentive to a revolution which would seem to be more interesting and critical, than any which the annals of the world can present us with from the time of its civilization."

PROVIDENCE, NOVEMBER 13.

ON Monday last the Hon. Major General Gates departed from this place, on his way to join the grand army, when a number of the principal inhabitants of the town waited upon him as far as Pawtuxet, where, upon taking their leave, they presented him with the following address, viz.

IN behalf of the town of Providence, the place you have honoured with your head quarters, during your command in this department, we beg leave to congratulate you on the splendid instances of success, attending your arms during the present war. Sublime must be the feelings of a breast, conscious of superiour worth, in acquiring laurels amidst the severest toils of the military life. The unsought tribute of thousands, skilled in the arduous task, must give to self approbation a charm that virtue will approve. To the historick page, founded on impartial truth, we leave the just encomiums due to your military character; but claim a right to esteem you as a friend to mankind, and guardian to the immunities of citizens. In this amiable point of view, we have fully experienced the goodness of your heart, and feel the warmest gratitude in that behalf. While the officers and soldiers have acknowledged you their father and friend, the bosom of the citizen has glowed with the tenderest emotions, convinced that your whole ambition is directed to the noblest ends of political society.

While we deeply regret the absence of so worthy a friend, we cannot but be happy in reflecting that you are called by the most illustrious Chief, to more important services than await you here. Permit us then to wish you every felicity that is attendant upon a great commander, and virtuous citizen. That your name may continue to be revered by the brave and good; and that the acknowledgments of unbiassed millions may perpetuate your merits, when you shall be summoned to move in a more exalted and celestial sphere, is the cordial prayer of, dear General, your most obedient and very humble servants.

To which the General replied,

THAT he had ever been happy in his connection in the town of Providence in particular, and the state of Rhode Island in general, and found himself under many obligations for the polite manner in which he has been treated by them; that as his great object was the publick good, he hoped still to continue to deserve the approbation of all virtuous citizens.

LONDON, *September* 3.

ADVICE is received, that his Majesty's cutter the Ajax, has taken a *French* privateer of 14 guns, off Gerran's bay, near Falmouth, and carried her into the above port.

They write from Madeira that an English frigate has had an engagement with a large French ship of force, near that place, which was maintained with determined obstinacy by each party, till at length the latter, which was nearest the shore, drove on a ledge of rocks, where she was totally destroyed. The Captain, Surgeon, and 295 persons perished on board her. The others were with much difficulty saved by the frigate. It blew a fresh wind all the action, and there was a great swell of the sea.

The troops ordered from the camp at Warley Common into Suffex, are to cross the river at Tilbury to Gravesend in the flat boats, which are kept ready there for the purpose of transporting the army across the Thames.

An expedition is on foot, supposed to be against the South Seas.

A Captain Hutchings of the 60th regiment, and a Mr. Peisly, have been taken up for high treason, in corresponding with the rebels.

The duke D'Aubigne is said to be intended for the French Viceroy of Great Britain, when it shall be conquered.

Lord Howe is to take upon him the command of the grand fleet, which was then off Ireland, consisting of 52 sail of the line, that Admiral Barrington was second in command, and Sir John Lockhart Ross the third in command, and was then with a reinforcement which was nearly equal to the combined fleets of France and Spain.

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 29.

THE brig Hammond, Capt Picket (belonging to Shedden and Goodrich) has carried into Bermuda, a French snow from St. Domingo, with 200 hogsheads of sugar; and the brig Defiance (belonging to Moore and Neal) has also carried into that island, a small vessel from Statia bound to the continent.

His Majesty's ship Perseus, Capt. Elphingston, returned from a cruize yesterday, and brought in with him a large French ship of 24 guns, and 80 men, from South Carolina for Chesapeak, loaded with 450 tierces of rice, some indigo, 40 bales of cloathing, some toys, and 40,000 bricks, &c. She fought the Perseus some time, but did her no damage.

WILLIAMSBURG, DECEMBER 25.

CAPTAIN Farnham, of the schooner Dean, informs us, he sailed from Cape Francois in company with Capt. Swain of Philadelphia, and Captain Colfield of Baltimore, under convoy of the privateer sloop Ranger, commanded by Hugh Montgomery of Philadelphia. On their passage they fell in with one of the enemy's cruisers, who captured the Ranger, after a smart engagement, during which, the other vessels made their escape.

On Saturday last, a brew-house belonging to Mr. Cowling, near Hampton, was set on fire by the carelessness of a negro boy, which was consumed in less than an hour, with a great quantity of malt, barrels, &c. &c.

Letters from Bourdeaux of the 22d of August inform, that the Jupiter, of 50 guns, sailed from Lisbon for England with bullion, was attacked by two French frigates, who boarded and took her.

Extract of a letter from St. Eustatia, *October* 29.

"Yesterday a vessel arrived here from Holland, by which we have advice that the Dutch are by desire of the King of Prussia and other powers, to remain neuter: They have now in the texel 38 ships of the line, the remainder of the Seven Provinces half that number, making in the whole 57 ships, well manned. It is the general opinion here, that Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and other powers to the northward, will have 200 sail at sea by next spring to protect their own trade. You may depend on it there will be hot work in the European seas next spring."

Extract of a letter from Silver Bluff, *October* 28.

"By the unwearied endeavours of Mr. Galphin the Indians are peaceable; a party of the headmen of the lower Creeks who over awed the rest, are now at Mr. Galphin's cow-pen on Ogeechie, and will be here in a few days The Spaniards lately came from Cuba to St. Mark's, near the Apalachee old fields, conferred with the Creeks, sent to each town of the nation, Spanish pipes and tobacco, and five kegs of rum, as tokens of friendship; at the same time charging them always to hold the Americans firmly by the hand, as they, the French and we are united in a triple band of friendship, and would jointly revenge any injury that might be offered to either of the parties."

DAVID MEAD and WILLIAM FLEMING, Esquires, are appointed members of the Privy Council, in the room of JAMES MADISON, and JOHN WALKER, Esquires. GEORGE BROOKE, Esquire, is appointed Treasurer of this commonwealth, in the room of GEORGE WEBB, Esquire, who has resigned.

☞ *The great increase in the prices of all the necessaries of life, and the very extravagant prices which we are obliged to give for paper and every other article used in the printing business, compels us to raise the price of our Gazette to* FIFTY DOLLARS per annum. *One half to be paid at the time of subscribing, and the other half at the expiration of twelve months. We shall continue the papers at the old price to the present customers until their subscription is out, at which time they will be discontinued, unless orders are given to the contrary*

TO be sold for ready money, at *Caroline* court-house, on the 2d *Thursday* in *February* (being court-day) 3 negro men and a woman, belonging to the estate of *Nathaniel Cary*, deceased, [illegible]

To be RENTED, *for one year, from the first day of* January 1780

ABOUT 6000 acres of land in *Goochland* county, on *James* river, about 45 miles above the falls, of late the the property of Messr. *Samuel & Lewis Maren*, on which there are several tenements, a mill constructed for the manufactory of flour, and upwards of 400 acres of rich low grounds. The terms may be known by applying to *William Anderson*, in *Hanover*, or *Thomas Pleasants*, Jun. in *Henrico*. If not rented before *January Goochland* court, it will then be let to the highest bidder. (2‡)

N. B. An undivided half of the said lands, is for sale.

FOR SALE, PRICE ONE THOUSAND POUNDS

A LARGE carriage horse, 6 years old, a fine bay, full 16 hands high, very lengthy, and trots light and well. Any person wanting such a horse, may be supplied by applying to the subscriber in the upper end of *Caroline* county, near *Todd's* ordinary, I shall not think myself confined to the above price, unless application is made within a month form the date hereof.

ANTHONY THORNTON, Jun.

DECEMBER 15. 1779.

I HAVE for sale a tract of land containing 180 acres, lying in *King William* county, near the *Pipingtree*, has upon it a good dwelling-house 32 by 20 feet, 2 rooms below, and 2 above, a brick chimneys, a good kitchen, and 2 quarters, and other necessary houses. Any person inclinable to buy, may know the terms by applying to *John Hiett*, living in *Amelia* county. (1)

FOR sale, a tract of land (formerly the property of Mr. *Christopher Tompkins* deceased) lying in the upper end of *Caroline* county, and consisting of, according to an old survey, 400 acres well accommodated with a good dwelling-house of four rooms below and two above, and all necessary out-houses, and also exceeding fine peach and apple orchards of the best kind of fruit in these parts, and inferior in other respects to few or none; and likewise many other sorts of fruit trees. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to Capt. *Christopher Tompkins*, living in *King William* county. The purchase money will not be required until a sufficient right is made. (1‡)

On Saturday *the first day of* January *next, will be hired to the highest bidder for tobacco, for the ensuing year at* Hampton,

SEVERAL slaves belonging to the estate of the late Capt. *James Wallace*, amongst which is a pair of sawyers, an excellent blacksmith, a cook wench, and an extraordinary coachman, gardener, and fisherman; and on *Monday* the 10th of the same month, will also be hired for tobacco, a number of slaves, consisting of men, women, boys, and girls, belonging to the same estate, at *Lesburg*, in *Loudoun* county. Bond and security for the hire, clothes, and taxes, of the negroes will be expected by

(2‡) THE EXECUTORS.

HANOVER county, *December* 13. 1779.

THE persons who have demands against the estate of Mr. *Thomas Usher*, formerly of *London*, merchant, which were not fully made out and settled (in a state of them reported to the former General Court) are now requested to furnish me with their claims and vouchers, that I may have them stated for the consideration of the High Court of Chancery. And as I had the misfortune to lose most of my books and papers by fire, some time ago, I entreat the several persons from whom I received, and to whom I paid money on account of Mr. *Usher's* estate, to favour me with memorandums of the sums, and dates of the receipts and payments, and forward them by post or other convenient and speedy opportunities, that I may be able to render an account of them to the Court of Chancery, at the next session, according to the order of that court.

(1) PETER LYONS.

AMELIA, *December* 16, 1779.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Capt. *John Worsham*, deceased (late of the 2d *Virginia* regiment) are requested to make payment, and those that have any demands against the said estate, to bring in their accounts properly proved, that they may be discharged on or before the first day of *May* next, as we intend to give up the estate to the legatees on that day.

(2‡) WILLIAM ROYAL, JOSEPH ROYAL, } Executors.

THERE is now on my plantation near *Worsham* a HOG, which I have reason to believe is my property, but as the mark in a small instance differ from mine, I therefore give this notice that the said hog is of a blue colour, with a cob tail, marked in right ear with a swallowfork, and a small bit taken off the underpart, and the left with an underkeel. Whoever has lost such a hog as above discribed, may see him on the said plantation by applying to the overseer. (2‡) TURNER SOUTHALL.

NEWCASTLE, *December* 13, 1779.

RUN away from the subscriber on *Saturday* the 11th instant, a negro fellow called FRANCIS, a tailor by trade, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, keeps his hair well combed, has a down look, and pitted with the small pox, was born in *Barbadoes*, and talks that dialect, has remarkable small hands, and good teeth; had on when he went away, a brown cloth coat edged with buff, red serge vest and breeches; he had also a white vest and breeches with him, white yarn stockings good shoes and buckles, it is expected he will endeavour to get aboard some vessel, masters of such are hereby forwarned from receiving him. A reward of 30 dollars will be given for producing him if apprehended within 10 miles of this place, and generously, increased if taken at a greater distance,

(2‡) JOHN SYME.

TO BE SOLD,
AT COL. TRENT'S STORE IN MANCHESTER,
A VARIETY
OF THE BEST KINDS OF GARDEN SEEDS.

To be SOLD by the eſcheator for ready money, agreeable to act of Aſſembly, on Monday *the 17th of* January,

A TRACT of valuable land in *Ware* parish, *Gloucester* county, lying on *Ware* and *North* rivers, containing 1300 acres, which will be laid off in lots agreeable to law; also 111 negroes, with stocks of cattle, *&c.* And on *Saturday* the 22d of the said month, will be sold, a tract of land, containing 700 acres, in *Kingſton* parish, county aforesaid, with stocks of cattle, *&c.*

(4t) JOHN PEYTON, JAMES HUBARD, } Commissioners.

To be SOLD on Tuesday *the 18th of* January *next, at the plantation whereon* Dorothy Pearson *lately lived, on* Chickahominy *river, in* New Kent,

ALL the stock of cattle, sheep, and hogs, a large quantity of corn fodder, and peas, seven or eight feather beds of the best kind well furnished, a large quantity of household and kitchen furniture, among which are the best of mahogany tables, *&c.* and many other things too tedious to mention. The sale will be for ready money. At the same time will be exchanged for negroes, the said plantation with 110 acres of land, pleasantly situated on the river, with every necessary building thereon. The said land may be purchased at any time before the day of sale by applying to *Robert Warren*, at *New Kent* court-house.

To be SOLD upon the premiſes, for ready money, on Thursday *the 20th of* January *next,*

FOUR hundred acres of land lying in the upper end of *Caroline* county, whereon is a pretty good dwelling-house and kitchen, being late the property of *Cunningham* and company.

(1) EDMUND PENDLETON, Jun. Eſcheator.

BUSINESS DONE ON COMMISSION.

THE subscriber purposes doing business on commission (reserving an exception against retailing spirits or dry goods, unless I could be assured of a constant supply) those whom it may be convenient to put business into my hands, may rely on being faithfully served, and their instructions strictly attended to with dispatch and punctuality; articles of merchandize will be received and waggoned from the landing by me at the owners expense and risk, though if convenient for the consigner to have the waggoning done himself, it would be more agreeable; the commodities of the country, tobacco, hemp, flour, butter, horses, or cattle, *&c.* will be purchased in return, as it may suit those who puts business into my hands. I would undertake the sale of slaves (if provided with winter clothing) or to barter them for the commodities of the country; also the purchase or sale of lands in this or any of the neighbouring counties: This place is peculiarly adapted to the sale of large quantities of salt, steel, and all kinds of coarse goods, *&c.* being a pass to the back country on the south side of *James* river, where all waggons travelling from thence to the landing is obliged to travel by, on account of the gap in the mountain, which exceeds any other in convenience, and in the goodness of the road leading through the same. (1) JOHN HOOK.

BEDFORD court house, *November* 1, 1779.

At a Court of Admiralty held at the capitol, in the city Williamsburg, *the 27th day of* November 1779.

AN account of sales of the rigging, tackle, *&c.* and cargo of the schooner *Polly*, libelled in this court by *Archibald Garrison* and others, being returned. It is decreed and ordered, that the marshal pay 197331. 19*s.* 11*d.* being one half of the nett proceeds thereof, to the libellants for and in lieu of salvage, and retain the other half in his hands subject to the future order of the court, and that this sentence be published three times in the *Virginia* gazette.

Teſte, WILLIAM RUSSELL, Register.

N. B. The above schooner whereof *Ebenezer Barker* was master, and *Edmund Rogers* of *Brandford*, in *Connecticut* owner, was captured in *August* last by the privateer *Hammond* of *New York*

RUN away from my plantation in *New Kent* county, a likely mulatto wench, named SYLVIA, but I expect she will alter her name, as I understand she passes for a free wench. She is about 20 years old, a short thick wench, and has a large bushy head of hair, a scar on one of her arms, occasioned by a burn. Whoever takes up the said slave, and secures her in any jail so that I get her again, or delivers her to Mr. *James Wood* in *Williamsburg*, or to the subscriber at the *Bowling Green*, shall receive ONE HUNDRED POUNDS reward. I have understood she has made for the *Eaſtern Shore*. (1t) JOHN BAILEY

TWO HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD

STOLEN on the night of the 30th of *October* last, from *Thomas Pleaſants* pasture in *Goochland* county, a bright bay mare, 5 years old next spring, 4 feet 9 inches high, nearly full blood, supposed to be with foal, trots and gallops well, and with spirit, has a long thin neck, mane, and tail, no white about her, except a few white hairs in her forehead, about the size of a bit, and has a small place rubbed bare upon her shoulder. Whoever delivers the said mare to me in *Goochland*, or gives me such intelligence so that I get her again, shall receive the above reward.

(2t) GEORGE ROBERTSON.

To be ſold, by the Eſcheator of York *county, on* Thursday *the 6th of* January *next, beginning at* 12 *o'clock, before the* Raleigh *door in* Williamsburg,

TWO tracts of land (late the property of *John* Earl of *Dunmore*) about 6 miles from this city: The one by the name of *Purse Bells*, containing 318 acres, lying on the north side of *Queen's* creek; the other lying on the south side of *York* river, adjoining the land of *Robert Wormley Carter*, Esq; containing 270 acres, known by the name of *Little Farm*; both tracts very convenient to the oyster rocks, where plenty may be got at any season. Also a tract (lately the property of the heirs of *John Lucas*, deceased) containing 205 acres, about 4 miles from the said city, adjoining the land of Capt. *Samuel Timſon*. Also half of a very convenient store and part of a lot, where *Bartlett Williams*, Esq; now lives, opposite the house of Mr. *Maupin*, and near the market in this city, lately the property of *Graham Frank*. Likewise 11 negroes, consisting of women, boys, and girls, all young and likely, late the property of *Andrew Sproul*, *John Earnſhaw*, and *Graham Frank*.

(4t) WILLIAM A. ROGERS, JOHN DICKESON, } Commissioners.

NB. The other half of the above-mentioned store will be sold at the same time and place.

TO be sold and entered on immediately, 350 acres of land situate on *Notoway* river, near the high hills, in *Suſſex* county, about 200 acres of good low grounds, and the high lands very kind for grain, is well timbered with pine and white oak; there are on the said lands, a good dwelling-house with brick chimneys, with three rooms below and two above, a kitchen, negro quarter, and several other buildings with an apple and peach orchard. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to Colonel *Henry Gee* near the premises, or to the subscriber near *Freeman's Bridge* in the said county. (2t) JOHN POTTS.

TO be sold, a very fine lot in the town of *Peterſburg*, that has a large two story house on it. Likewise I would sell the noted horse *Mercury*, who was got by old *Janus*, his dam the full blooded mare *Caſta*. For terms apply to me near *Peterſburg*.

(1) JOSEPH JONES.

DECEMBER 22, 1779.

PURSUANT to a decree of *Lunenburg* court, I shall expose to sale, at *Lunenburg* court next, a tract of land in the said county, containing about 400 acres, comprised in a deed of trust to me by one *Henry Crenshew*. MATTHEW MARABLE.

SHIP FRANKLIN, GEORGE TAYLOR, MASTER.

LYING at *Broadway*, loading with tobacco for *Nantz*, in *Old France*, and will sail by the first of *February*; the said ship will carry 20 carriage guns besides small arms, and 60 men. The owners of the said ship will be glad to take on board 100 to 150 hogsheads of tobacco on freight at one half for the other, and the goods in return, to be brought back freight free. Any person inclinable to ship tobacco in this vessel, are requested to give their notes or orders to the subscriber at *Peterſburg*, by the 10th of *January* next.

(1) JOHN KING.

N. B. Good encouragement will be given to good seamen and able young men, who are willing to go the voyage in the above ship.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, for ready money, in the town of Peterſburg, *on* Monday *the 17th day of* January 1780.

A LOT with a very fine store house and compting room under the same roof; also a very good dwelling house and lumber house, lately the property of *Cunningham* and co. Also a store house and compting room under the same roof, lately the property of *George Younger*, and co. Also one unimproved lot in the new town of *Peterſburg* adjoining Doctor *Strachan's* and an unexpired term of 6 years in a tenement lying opposite to Mr. *Bolling's* on the road leading from *Peterſburg* to *Bollingbrook* warehouſe, lately the property of *Daniel Frazer*. Also an unexpired term of 6 years in a tenement adjoining *Bollingbrook* warehouse, with a store-house and compting room under the same roof, with a good lumber house, lately the property of *John M'Nabb*. And on *Tueſday* the 18th of *January*, will be sold on the premises, ½ of 800 acres of land, within 2 miles of *Peterſburg*, lately the property of *David Ruſſell*. And on *Wedneſday* the 19th of *January* will be sold 500 acres of land, which will be laid off by the commissioners, lying about 18 miles from *Peterſburg*, lately the property of *Charles Gore*. And on *January* the 20th, will be sold at *John Frazer's*, about 18 miles from *Peterſburg*, 2 negroes, 1 young nag, and sundry articles of household furniture, lately the property of *Daniel Frazer* —The whole of the above articles being escheated and become vested in the commonwealth.

(1) KENNON JONES, Eſcheator.

DINWIDDIE county, *December* 10, 1779.

AUDITORS OFFICE, *December* 16, 1779.

THE Commissioners of Taxes, who have not yet sent to this office the assessments, are required forthwith to return the same, to enable the Auditors to settle with the collectors, and such of the sheriffs, County Court Clerks, and inspectors, who have failed to account, are called on to be speedy in their payment, or they will be proceeded against as the law directs. (3)

TAKEN up, in *Prince Edward* county near *Moore's* ordinary, a white sows, marked with a crop and a slits in the left ear, and an underkeel in the right; also several shoats, unmarked, the most of them white. Posted, and appraised to 20*l.*

(1) GEORGE WALKER.

By His Excellency THOMAS JEFFERSON, *Esq; Governour or Chief Magistrate of the commonwealth of* VIRGINIA:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the exportation of provisions from this state will be attended with manifest injury to the United States, by supplying the enemy, and by rendering it difficult for the publick agents and contractors to procure supplies for the *American* troops, and will moreover give encouragement to engrossers and monopolizers to prosecute their baneful practices, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of State, to issue this my proclamation for laying an embargo on provisions; and I do hereby lay an embargo on provisions, *viz.* On all beef, pork, bacon, wheat, *Indian* corn, peafe or other grain, or flour or meal made of the same; to continue until the first day of *May* next. And I do hereby strictly prohibit all mariners, masters, and commanders of vessels, and all other persons whatsoever within this state, from loading on board any vessel for exportation, and from exporting all or any of the above species of provisions, by land or water, from the date hereof, during the term aforesaid, under pain of incurring the penalties inflicted by the act of Assembly intitled *An act to empower the Governour and Council to lay an embargo for a limited time*, exceept as in the said act is excepted. And I do hereby strictly charge and command all naval officers and others, in their respective departments, to exert their best endeavours to the end that this embargo be strictly observed.

GIVEN under my hand this 30*th day of* November, 1779

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

FOR sale, fifteen hundred and forty acres by patent (but generally supposed to contain upwards of 2000 of the best kind of tobacco land) lying in the county of *Granville, North Carolina*, 3 miles from the court-house, and about 220 from *Petersburg*. For terms apply to the subscriber at *Maycox*, in *Prince George*.

(‡) DAVID MEADE.

N. B. For sale, *R. E. Meade's* half share or two two and fortieth parts of the *Great Dismal Swamp*. Apply as above.

FOR sale, a valuable tract of land lying in the county of *Dinwiddie*, about 30 miles above the town of *Petersburg*, containing 700 acres, with tolerable good improvements thereon; also the following tracts in the county of *Bedford*, *viz.* 390 acres lying on *Great Falling* river, joining the land of *John Bailey*; 1300 acres on *Lynn* and *Beaver* pond creeks, the branches of *Little Falling* river, joining the land of *Joseph Akins*; 1095 acres lying on *Fall* creek, in the county of *Pittsylvania*, joining the land of *Samuel Harris*; also that valuable plantation (late the property of *John Austin Finnie*, deceased) lying on *Opposum* quarter, and *Great Fiking* creek, in the county of *Warren (North Carolina)* containing about 1000 acres. Any person inclinable to purchase, may know the terms by applying to the subscriber near *Blandford*.

(3f) WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

BARRACKS *(Albemarle) October* 29, 1779.

BEING authorised and directed by the Hon. Board of War and ordinance of the United States, to call on every person or persons within this state, who may have any hides or skins in their possession, slaughtered of cattle purchased on account of the said states, to transmit to me, as soon as possible, an exact account of the number thereof, and in what state such hides and skins are now in, whether raw, half tanned, or tanned, that I may be able to make a proper return. It seems to be the opinion of that board, that neglect and fraud has been practised in that department, in order to remove suspicions of such kind for the future, and to comply with the trust reposed in me, I desire that the greatest care may be taken in carrying the hides and skins at each post, and that no person whatever do sell, barter, or otherwise dispose of them without my express orders. (6‡) THOMAS MARKS, C. H.

WANTED at *Hunter's* iron works, to whom suitable encouragement will be given, a masterly hand in a wire mill; also nailers, card makers, and other artists in iron manufactures; where may be had, bar iron, nail rods, rolled hoops, plates and sheet iron, anchors, and a variety of other articles in the iron branch, with pots, kettles, and other castings.

ABNER VERNON.

☞ The best price will be given for old brass or copper, by applying to *Robert Nicolson* in this city.

DUMFRIES *(Prince William* county) *Nov.* 29, 1779.

ALL persons that have any just demands against the estate of *Travers Downman*, deceased, of the county aforesaid, are desired to bring in their accounts properly proved, by the first day of *January* next ensuing, that they may be paid; and all persons indebted to the said estate, are desired to make payment by the time above mentioned.

(‡) THOMAS CHAPMAN, JOHN COPPIDGE, } Adm.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

TO any person that will produce to me in *Richmond*, or to *John Roper* a little below this, a large roan horse, upwards of 5 feet high, 8 years old, docked, but not branded that I remember, has been much worked, and carries the marks of the collar. This horse was stolen the evening of the 21st of *November*, and is supposed to be stolen, by a northern bred horse, and has a very thick curled mane and foretop.

(‡) MILES SELDEN, Jun.

CAMILLUS and OSCAR,

TO be sold. *Camillus*, a fine bay, 6 years old, 15 hands high, his colts are very fine, and he very fleet. He was got by Mr. *Burwell's Traveller*, whose sire was the famous horse of the same name, imported by Mr *Morton*; his dam was got by the noted *Fearnought*, his grandam by *Dabster*, his great grandam by the late Mr. *Nelson's Spanish Barb*, out of an imported mare. *Oscar*, a beautiful sorrel, coming three, 15 hands and an inch high, begotten on *Camillus's* dam by the high blooded imported horse *Oscar*, whose pedigree is equal to that of any horse in *America*. Terms may be known by applying to the printers.

ANY person having a light chariot or post chaise to dispose off, may hear of a purchaser by applying to the printer hereof, before the Assembly rises. A pair of young likely carriage horses are also wanted.

RUN away from the subscriber, in *May* last, a likely negro man, named HAMPTON, *Virginia* born, 27 years of age, near 6 feet high, of a yellowish complexion, and goes very slovenly in his dress. I imagine he is lurking about *Williamsburg* or *Hampton*. The said slave is outlawed. A reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS will be given any person delivering the said negro to me in *Dinwiddie* county, 20 miles above *Petersburg*.

(‡) WILLIAM COUZENS.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away the beginning of last *September* from a Mr. *Crocket's* waggon, on its way to *Montgomery* county, 20 miles above the *Rocky Ridge*, a very likely negro woman called HANNAH, about 19 years of age, well set, rather short, dresses very neat, bred to house business, is of a very passionate temper, and when angry, talks very much and fast. She having a variety of clothes, it is impossible to describe her dress; and as she is very sensible, may endeavour to pass as a free woman. Also about six weeks past, a negro lad, about 18 years old, called PHILL, remarkably well made, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has large lips, a sly down look, talks little, and generally thick. He formerly belonged to Mr *John Pryor*, about the time he owned the running horse *Shed*, and was well known by being much about with him; had on, when he went away, a dark broadcloth coat, *Virginia* cloth mixed waistcoat and breeches, straw hat, yarn stocking, shoes and silver buckles. Having a wife at *Newcastle*, I expect he is lurking somewhere about that place. I will give 50 dollars for the fellow, and pay reasonable charges, and 100 for the wench, if taken 30 miles off, and fifty if at a smaller distance. WILLIAM DANDRIDGE, Jun.

N. B. I am in want of some twine spinners and hacklers; such persons will meet with good encouragement by applying to

RICHMOND town, *November* 24, 1779. W. D.

RUN away from the subscriber near *Pittsylvania* old court-house about the 1st of *July* last, a likely negro fellow, named TOM about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, speaks tolerable good *English*, has a very noted mark carved on his forehead, resembling a diamond, and some marks of his country on his temples. He is an artful fellow, and will perhaps change his name, and deny to whom he belongs, has formerly lived in the counties of *Chesterfield* and *Prince Edward*, and if not taken up, I expect is harboured in one or other of those counties. I will give one hundred dollars to any person that will deliver me the above negro in *Pittsylvania*, besides reasonable expences.

(‡) SAMUEL CALLAND.

N. B. The above negro was sold by Mr. *Edward Yeburton* at *Rocky Ridge*, to Mr. *Baker Degraffenreidt*, and by him to Mr. *John Dejarnett* in *Prince Edward*.

PORTER HILL, *December* 6, 1779.

STRAYED or stolen from the subscriber, near *Petersburg*, the 26 of *November*, a young bay horse, about 14 hands high, 3 years old last grass, undocked, branded on the near buttock W. has a star in his forehead, both hind feet white, and I think has a small lump under his jaws, where the distemper broke out. I will give a reward of 50 dollars to any person who will convey him to me, if taken up in *Virginia*, and reasonable expenses, and 50 pounds if out of it, and fifty more on conviction of the thief.

(‡) WILLIAM HARRISON.

TAKEN up in *Culpeper* county, near *Barnett's* ford, a red roan mare, 9 or 10 years old, 5 feet 2 inches high, with a star in her forehead, had on a small bell, tied with a leather strap, and branded on the near buttock I B. Also a dark bay mare colt, near 2 years old, a hind foot white, a star in her forehead, neither docked nor branded. Posted and appraised, the mare to 300l. and the colt to 100l. (‡) ROBERT ALCOCK.

TAKEN up in *James City*, about the 25th of *November* last, a dark bay horse, about 8 years old, 13 hands 3 inches high, with hanging mane and switch tail, and branded on the near buttock with a dot, shod all fours, trots and gallops. Any person may have the above horse, by proving his property, and paying charges to WILLIAM COLE, Jun.

TAKEN up on *Chamberlain's Old* run, in *Dinwiddie* county, a brindled heifer, with a white belly, some white in the flank, marked with a crop in the right ear, and crop and slit in the left. Appraised to 45l. (2‡) GEORGE THWEATT.